(a) the pay of the acting Diwan during the one month of his service last year;

(b) his permanent pay before he was appointed to act;

(c) the basis upon which the acting pay is calculated and the cause for the increase, if any;

(d) whether it is a fact that this increased amount was made only subsequent to fixing his salary at the usual calculation?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Rs. 1,050.

(b) Rs. 550.

(c) No special basis. His Highness was pleased to fix the pay at Rs. 1,050.

(d) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given is 'No special basis.' Is there any general basis on which the pay is calculated?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Whose pay, please?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Pay of the acting Diwan as also of other acting appointments.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In the case of other appointments, there are rules. In the case of the Diwan, no special basis.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do not the Standing Orders apply to the Diwan also?

President.—Yes. His Highness is not bound by the Standing Orders. It is His Highness' pleasure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here some amount over and above the usual rate is given.

President.—His Highness was pleased to give it.

Co-operative Society at Tiruvilluamala.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was a Co-operative Society (non-Government servants) at Tiruvilluamala;

(b) the name of the last President;

(c) whether he was in any way indebted to the Society, and if so on what account;

(d) how it was recovered and from whom;

(e) the present condition of that society;

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c), (d) & (e). The Society is a registered body having a corporate existence. Government cannot undertake to publish the details required.

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